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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Wolf

SUBJECT : Personnel Assignments

REFERENCES : (a) Memo to A-DD/A from AD/P, 8 Aug 52, same subject
 (b) Staff Study Concerning Assignments of Personnel, 8 Aug 52
 (c) Memo to C/PDC from AC/PI, 4 Aug 52, sub: "Identification of FI (OSO) Personnel"

1. I believe the referenced papers should be called to your attention, in that the Career Service Board should give serious consideration to the problem of which the Staff Study and the memorandum from the Acting Chief, Foreign Intelligence, are expressions of two quite different solutions. I believe this general subject received some discussion in your Office on Wednesday, 13 August.

2. The FI approach is an extreme one, in that it provides for freezing of personnel presently associated with what was the OSO operation, including clerical and administrative people as well as the professional intelligence people. This proposal is not consistent with our understanding with Messrs. Wisner and [REDACTED] at least insofar as the administrative types are concerned. Further, in including clerks, typists, and stenographers a rigidity is imposed upon their use and development within the Agency, which is unrealistic and certainly not responsive either to the needs of the Agency or to the Director's intent of protecting the professional components of the hard core of OSO type of people. In the case of the professional intelligence people themselves, the policy requested by the Acting Chief, FI, would deny to an area division chief any real control over the development or use of his people. It seems to me that the very least we can ask or should ask is that a Career Service Board established in FI include a representative of any Foreign Division, any of whose people were under consideration by the Board. Certainly we must recognize the rightness of the Director's desire to prevent intelligence expertise from falling into the hungry maw of cold-war operations. At the same time, the rigidity which would be imposed by the present FI approach would be anything but conducive to development of seniors with broad experience, which is necessary if the long-range ideal of developing senior Agency officials from within the Agency is to be served.

Mr. Wolf: I believe Colonel White discussed this with you. I prepared it for his signature, but he did not have an opportunity to sign it and take it to you. The words may not be exactly those he would have chosen himself, but I am confident that the ideas expressed L. K. WHITE

are his. [REDACTED] -20 Aug 52

3 Att - Listed in References

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